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## Alaska Award In New Light

Mr. R. E. Gosnell of Bureau of Provincial Information Interviewed.

His Views are Founded on Careful Study of Treaty and Maps.

What Canada Really Contended For in Recent International Conference.

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## LAURIER DECLARIES FOR A LARGER LIBERTY

Significant Statement Made by the Canadian Prime Minister in the House of Commons Yesterday in the Debate on The Alaskan Boundary Award.

## CANADA'S HANDS ARE NOW TIED

The Whole Difficulty Arose Through the Stringency of the Imperial Connection and Favors Petitioning Mother Country For Treaty Making Powers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—A full dress debate on the Alaska boundary award constituted a little while to the proceedings of the remarkable session which will be officially closed tomorrow morning. The discussion, which was precipitated by Borden, was participated in by the leaders on both sides.

Hon. Mr. Borden took the ground that the government had bungled the business from the start, having thrown away its chances of securing a satisfactory settlement of the Alaska boundary question, when they assented unconditionally to the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

His further criticism was that when the imperial authorities concluded the treaty with Canada, they did not consider the

tribunal still under consideration, the government would have been justified

in refusing to participate in the proceedings in London, but, having decided to take part, Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have insisted upon all the British commissioners being Canadians.

The prime minister replied in a speech pregnant with political significance. He scouted the idea that Lord Alverstone had sacrificed Canada's interests by consenting to a finding that should not be regarded as judicial rea-

son. Still he was at a loss to account for his partially adverse decision in what was considered uncontestedly the strongest part of Canada's case, and declared he would await Lord Alverstone's reasoned opinion before pronouncing judgment upon it. But the prime minister's most significant statement was that the whole difficulty arose through Canada's hands being tied by imperial connection, and that the time had come for Canada to get out of the British purgatory to be entrusted with treaty-making powers.

Mr. McPherson, of Vancouver, said the decision took away voters in his constituency. It was now up to Canada to build a railway to the Yukon which would make Skagway a mere monument of the greed and avarice of the United States.

In reply to Mr. Borden, who read a telegram from British Columbia lumber firms asking for increased duties on lumber in order to keep out American lumber which is now being dumped into that province on account of the demoralized state of the lumber market in the United States, Hon. Mr. Fielding said in the present state of public business it would be impossible to go into the matter at present.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, in moving to

withdraw the bill to amend the criminal code referred to the probability of there being another session of parliament at an early date and intimated that the bill will be taken up again.

Among the bills withdrawn were an act respecting certain works on navigable waters and an act to amend the Dominion elections act of 1900. The Senate amendments to the bill respecting

the chequer court and the amendments to the railway bill were concurred in by the House.

On motion to go into committee of supply, Mr. Bourassa brought up the question of the Alaskan boundary. He reviewed at length the history of the early negotiations between Great Britain and Russia, later on those between Russia and the United States, contending

that it was clearly the evident intention in subsequent negotiations to cut off British access to the sea north of Portland canal. He went on to show the indifference of Great Britain at the time these momentous transactions were transpiring, to a strip of coast north of British Columbia and also the interior from that strip to the Rocky mountains, contending that the strip finally given to Russia was precisely the strip afterwards claimed by the United States and now awarded them.

## British News By Cable

Delegates to Montreal Congress  
Talk of Canada ... Field  
For Investment.

Replies All Favorable Though  
Changes In Financial Laws  
Are Urged.

English M. P. Declares Canad-  
ians Do Not Want a Prefer-  
ential Tariff.

London, Oct. 23.—(Special)—The Canadian immigration commissioner has received over 150 favorable replies to the following questions to the delegates to the Montreal congress and other prominent Englishmen who visited Canada:

"First—What is your opinion of Canada as a field for investment of British capital?"

"Second—As a permanent home, is it suitable for the British immigrant?"

"Third—What is your impression of the progress and development of Canada?"

Lord Brassey's reply was: "I consider it highly favorable."

The vice-president of the South of Scotland Chamber of Commerce urges changes in the law to secure greater protection to investors; also in bankruptcy laws.

Hon. T. A. Brassey says that until the Canadian taxpayers contributes to the defence of the Empire he prefers that British capital be invested in Great Britain.

The president of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce says Canada is a splendid field for investment.

A member of the Chamber of Commerce of Dublin, and prominently connected, says it is an encouraging field for investment.

The productions of coal in the colonies for 1901 was: Canada, 5,560,000 tons; Australia, 6,584,000; New Zealand, 1,228,000.

Mr. Cavally, M. P., says the colonies would be perfectly fit for a preferential tariff. They have secured many advantages from the mother country and were perfectly satisfied with the present state of affairs.

### CHILI WAR MINISTER.

Santiago de Chili, Oct. 23.—General Alvarez has been appointed minister for war in the reconstructed Chilean cabinet.

### REDUCED MAJORITY.

London, Oct. 23.—Colonial Secretary Lyttelton (Colonial-Unionist) has been re-elected a member of the House of Commons for Warwick and Leamington with a majority of 199.

At the last election Mr. Lyttelton secured a majority of 831.

### "SOO" DEAL PROGRESSING.

Dandurand Visits England and Expectations of Speedy Completion of Sale.

### EXAMINING TIMBER.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Senator Dandurand has gone to England to place the purchase of the ex-Soo works before English capitalists he has been representing. The expectation now is that the deal will be speedily closed up.

### MURDERED IN DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 23.—The dead body of John Dew, a bachelor, who worked on the shipyard at Wyandotte, was found today in bed in his cottage with a hole in the temple. The bed clothing was soaked with blood, and it is believed Dew was the victim of a murderous assault. He was a native of London, Ont.

### INTER-COLLEGiate GOLF.

Garden City, Ia., Oct. 23.—The first

match, morning round, of the individual play championship of the Inter-collegiate Golf Association today resulted in the defeat of Walter T. Egan of Harvard by F. O. Reinhardt of Princeton, the latter winning by one up.

B. E. Macfarland of Pennsylvania beat C. Truesdale of Yale one up. H. Chandler Egan, Harvard, beat M. McBurney, also of Harvard, six up and four to play. W. C. Chick, Harvard, defeated J. W. Barker, Princeton, one up on nine holes medal play, the winners meet in the semi-final round. The two survivors will play in the final over thirty-six holes tomorrow.

### SCHWAB STATES HIS DEFENCE

#### DISCLOSURE IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF WRECKED SHIPBUILDING CO.

New York, Oct. 23.—The nature of

the defense which Chas. M. Schwab will make to the charges that have been made against him in connection with the financial affairs of the wrecked United States Shipbuilding Company was sharply outlined during yesterday's meeting of the chamber of commerce of New York.

Mr. Schwab showed by recent documents in France and Germany, and conclusion Mr. Wyndham said he was not a protectionist, but a champion of free trade. He was willing to fight for it, but he declared that to discard the armor of retaliation was to enter the contest in a night gown.

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# Mainland Happenings

Agitation In Vancouver For An All-Canadian Yukon Railway.

Elation at Cranbrook Over Satisfactory Mill Run at the Eva Mine.

A Big Saw Mill Plant Is Just Erected in Town of Wardner.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 23.—The advisability of building an all-Canadian railway to the Yukon is being generally talked of here, as an offset to the possibility of the Americans closing Skagway to Canadian shipping. One prominent government official stated that, in the light of the present attitude of England to the Alaskan award, it would be advisable to start an agitation at once for the construction of such a road and that the expense be borne by British Columbia and the Dominion, that the road be made a government affair. It would then be in order, should Skagway be closed, to shut out Americans entirely from the Canadian Yukon markets. Part, and perhaps the whole, of the cost of the road could be raised.

The passengers from the Interior by yesterday's train said that there was great rejoicing in the little town of Cranbrook, B. C., owing to the satisfaction shown in the Eva stamp mill, the property of the Calumet & Britton's Columbia Gold Mining Co. One of these informants said that he had been present on the initial run of the ten-stamp mill, and that the mill had been running twenty-four hours when the belt broke, and this gave an opportunity to make an estimate clean-up of the plates which showed there had been \$800 worth of gold recovered in the twenty-four hour run. As twenty tons of ore had been treated in the twenty-four hours, the result showed that the ore had run \$40 in gold to the ton. The work done on the Eva mine aggregates 2,400 feet, and the management said that enough ore has been blocked out to last two years with a ten-stamp mill running steadily. The superintendent, Mr. Knox, and mining engineer, Mr. Casselman are extremely gratified over the splendid indications. The mine is owned principally by Nelson men. The Eva is on the same ledge as the property owned by the Lode Company; it is not more than one thousand feet from the former claim. The Ophir people have erected their mill and are all ready to turn on the water, as both are in water power.

The Anglican synod have disposed of the following questions: The passing of a proposed constitution for a Church of England Temperance Society for the diocese. A canon introduced by R. D. Pentreath defining more closely the position of parochial clergy, was defeated by one vote, as it was thought the matter had better be left to the concurrent law of the church. After clerical and lay members had endorsed the proposal, the canon adopted the pledge to raise \$5,000 by January 1st towards the necessary partial re-endowment of the see, in return for which English churchmen and English societies would raise four thousand pounds. Another resolution strongly commended the bishop's proposal to divide the dioceses into rural deaneries. An animated discussion took place in regard to the teaching of Christian ethics and morality in the public schools. The growing need of a diocesan college for boys was also discussed. The Ven. Archdeacon Small presented a report of his successful Indian mission work in the upper country. A committee was appointed on Sunday schools and one on Sunday observances. A good deal of time was taken up in revising various articles and canons. The diocesan Church Society was duly formed. The Synod unanimously re-elected Walter Taylor as treasurer, and J. F. Hellwell as auditor.

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Close Down of Butte Properties Likely Prolonged And Trouble Brewing.

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It is estimated by the Amalgamated officials that 14,000 and 15,000 men are idle. Business men fear the worst should these suspensions continue any length of time. Anaconda is practically dependent on the big Washoe plants for its existence, and the closing of the works is the worst blow in the history of that city. Throughout the state generally conditions of depression are reflected, and in Butte business is paralyzed with fear of a crash in the event of a prolonged close down. As yet no acts of violence have been reported, though it is feared some difficulty will be experienced in holding the big army of idle miners in check any length of time. Tonight the principal streets are blocked with the miners and indignant mutterings can be heard on all sides.

SCOTCHING THE REPTILES.

English Firebrand Locked Up by the New York Police.

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## Vancouverites

### Very Indignant

Citizens Give Open Expression to Resentment At Britain's Action.

Demonstration When National Anthem Was Played at Minstrel Show.

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London, Oct. 23.—Nothing definite is yet obtainable here in connection with the appointment of a successor to Sir Michael Herbert. The Foreign Office informed a representative of the Associated Press that King Edward has not approved of any one to fill the vacancy and that therefore any announcement is premature. The only information obtainable here, however, points to the selection of Sir Henry Durant.

### DREDGES' WORK IN THE YUKON

Ogilvie's Company Is Keeping Result of Season's Work a Secret.

Dawson, Oct. 6.—Ex-Gov. William Ogilvie and party took the steamer Prospector at Stewart City yesterday for the outside. The governor has been in charge of the Ogilvie dredge, on a giant river concession, of which he is manager, on the Stewart.

On the result of the company's work on the Stewart with the dredge this summer depends the decision of the directors as to whether or not they will install several dredges there next year. Mr. Ogilvie made this announcement some time ago. The present dredge, although by no means an insignificant affair, is much smaller than others which have been contemplated for the concession.

The company is keeping the results of its operations on the Stewart this year an absolute secret. The present dredge has been working near the mouth of Clear creek, and has been put into winter quarters in that vicinity.

The Ogilvie concession is approximately 100 miles in length up and down the Stewart river. The river is navigable for large steamers at all points along the concession. The concession is one of the most gigantic affairs of the kind ever controlled in the North by a single company.

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### Russia Still Building Forts

Fortifications at Yong-am-pho Proceeding And Heavy Guns to Be Mounted.

Japanese in Consultation With Railways as to Moving Troops.

London, Oct. 23.—In a despatch to the Daily Mail, the correspondent of that paper at Yokohama, reiterates a statement made October 19th that the Russians are fortifying Yong-am-pho, and declare that today he has authentic information that they built a fort and are preparing to mount heavy guns there.

The Japanese government, the correspondent continues, is conferring with representatives of all Japanese railroads with a view to effecting the most speedy mobilization of the army whenever this becomes necessary.

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NEW COMMANDER FORMALLY APPOINTED

Commodore Goodrich Posted to Pacific Station---Capt. Kepel Vacates.

London, Oct. 10.—Yesterday Captain James E. C. Goodrich, M. V. O., was formally appointed commodore of the second class commanding the Pacific station, and to H. M. S. Grafton, Flag Captain Odlin R. Kepel, C. B., D. S. O., vacates the command of the flagship. There will be a reduction of the staff at Esquimalt consequent on the change.

No other command in the squadron will be vacated, however, when we expect the returning Aphrodite, Capt. John Casement, which has spent seven years in Pacific waters. Under ordinary circumstances Commander C. H. Umfrerville will remain skipper of the sloop Shearwater till the October of next year. Owing to the abolition of sail power in the Royal navy, no more sloops are to be built—at least for some time.

KILLED BY BURSTING WHEEL.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 23.—Herbert McGaw, 19 years of age, was killed by the bursting of an emery wheel yesterday at McAvity & Sons' foundry.

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## British Press

### On the Award

The Saturday Review Says One More Similar Betrayal And This May Snap.

Lord Alverstone Was Actuated By Highest Motives Is Common Verdict.

London, Oct. 23.—With the exception of the Saturday Review, the weekly papers in their comment on the decision of the Alaska Boundary tribunal, adopt fairly impartial views and decline to believe Lord Chief Justice Alverstone was actuated by either those honorable and judicial motives, or that he was guilty in the breach of faith, charged against him.

All the weekly papers naturally sympathize with the Canadians. The "Spectator" believes that after the momentary expressions of annoyance, the Canadians being a sensible people will realize that they are as much bound by the decision as they would have been had it been wholly favorable to them.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 23.—The Old Dominion Paper Company's building was gutted by fire tonight. The loss is \$60,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—Fire tonight destroyed the repair shops of the Pittsburg & Western railroad at Allegheny. Loss \$100,000. Five hundred workmen are thrown out of employment.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

London, Oct. 23.—A special despatch to a news agency here from Copenhagen says that Professor Finseth of Denmark has been selected to receive the Nobel prize in the medical section. Henrik Ibsen, the dramatist; Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian novelist and dramatic poet, will divide the literary prize.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Oct. 23.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending October 22nd, with percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal, \$25,521,493, increase, 1.7%; Toronto, \$17,745,859, decrease, 7.1%; Winnipeg, \$6,680,702, increase, 23.8%; Halifax, \$2,013,968, increase, 14.1%; Ottawa, \$2,563,246, increase, 6.7%; Vancouver (for Mainland of British Columbia), \$1,684,594, increase, 23.1%; Quebec, \$2,047,003, increase, 28.7%; Hamilton, \$1,290,673; increase, 25.0%; St. John, \$1,057,933, increase, 14.9%; Victoria, \$664,243, increase, 19.6%; London, \$851,813, increase, 4.5.

REGULATING CANADIANS.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Some time ago the Canadian nail manufacturers entered into an agreement with the United States Steel Company to sell all the wire rods they required from the company. As a return for this the steel company agreed to keep out of the Canadian nail market. The depression in the German iron market enabled the Canadian manufacturers to buy under the steel company's price, and they promptly availed themselves of it. A day of reckoning came, however, and the offending manufacturers have now agreed to pay the steel company about \$2 per ton. The steel company will continue to keep out of the Canadian nail market.

Constantinople, Oct. 23.—In consequence of the discovery of a military plot to kill M. Belaiev, the Russian consul, the government has rushed six battalions of troops hither from Krujipol and Petropoli.

London, Oct. 23.—In a despatch from Vienna, the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says now that the Austro-Russian note has been presented to the Porte, developments are expected to follow rapidly. "The best information," the correspondent goes on, "assures that there will be no further trouble this winter, but certain armed intervention will be necessary to carry out the reforms."

CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE.

Sidney, N. S., Oct. 23.—Dr. Wm. McLean, late leader of the local opposition in the Nova Scotia legislature, has been nominated the Conservative to contest Cape Breton South at the next general elections for the House of Commons.

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UNNATURAL PARENTS.

Dowties Indicted for Death of Son Through Neglect.

Sherbrooke, Oct. 23.—The coroner's jury, sitting in Massawippi, has found Alex. Kezar, 19 years of age, township of Hale, and his wife guilty of neglect in the death of their only child, a boy 15 years old. The boy had diphtheria, and the parents, who are Dowties, refused to call in medical attendance. The neighbors warned them, but they refused to do anything except pray for the child, whom a few hours before death they took out of bed for the purpose. The attention of the attorney-general is to be called to the matter. There is much excitement in the neighborhood. The Kezars are among the leading citizens of this locality.

**A New Wrinkle, (No. 8.)****Corn Chowder**

One-half teaspoonful Armour's Extract of Beef.  
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Cut pork in small pieces and fry out. Add onion and cook five minutes, stirring often to prevent burning. Strain it into stock pot. Add water to cover, boil one hour, stirring with a cover; drain and add potatoes to pot; then add two cups boiling water. Cook until potatoes are soft, add corn and milk; then heat to boiling point. Season with salt and pepper. Add hot water if pot is full and crackers, until it soaks in enough milk to moisten. Remove crackers, turn chowder into tureen and put crackers on top.

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**Armour's Extract of Beef***The Best Extract of the Best Beef***Fish Traps****Once More****Council of Board of Trade Exchange Telegrams With Ottawa.****Urgency of Case Strongly Pointed Out And Action Likely.**

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held, Mr. Todd presiding. There were seventeen members present. The meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing what should be done regarding the fish trap question. The president read the following telegram which had been dispatched to the Hon. William Templeman at Ottawa:

"The Board of Trade and citizens are greatly disappointed at the Times telegram reporting your colleague, Mr. Prentiss, not coming to the Coast. The fish trap matter is a burning question here. The Board's action is held over pending his arrival as promised in your recent telegram. General meeting Friday. Cannot you prevail his visit?"

This telegram from the Hon. Mr. Templeman replied as follows:

"Minister of marine intended visiting Coast, but owing to great length of session, it is doubtful when he can go. Will advise you later. Expect to be in Victoria myself in two or three weeks. Action of Board need not be withheld meantime. (Signed)

"W. TEMPLEMAN."

The council was of the opinion that something should be done promptly, and unanimously resolved that a special general meeting of the Board be called for Tuesday next, the 27th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m.

The committee on trade, commerce and transportation submitted the following report:

Gentlemen.—Your committee appointed to investigate the suggestions contained in the letter from Mr. H. Cuthbert, bear to submit the following report and recommendations:

That committee be appointed to investigate the question as to what new industries could be established in Victoria and vicinity with a reasonable prospect of success, and also to secure all possible information with regard to the fruit-growing

and dairying industries, in order that the same may be published in pamphlet form and distributed for the information of those who may be seeking opportunities for the investment of capital, and would suggest that a portion of the said committee should consist of persons who have some practical knowledge of the subjects to be investigated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. REDFERN,  
Chairman.

The report was adopted and referred back to the committee with power to add to its numbers.

A report from the special committee appointed to enquire into the Marine Hospital matter, was on the file, but upon it being stated that the chairman of the committee wished to be present when it should be read, it was held over for the general meeting on Tuesday.

The Board adopted the following resolution:

That a committee of three be appointed to gather information for report to the Board on the efforts now being made by certain citizens of the United States to secure complete monopoly of the sealing industry on the Pacific Coast. A committee was appointed accordingly as follows: Messrs. Phil R. Smith, George Carter and D. W. Higgins.

The secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Babcock, the Dominion Bosphorus commissioner, if he would be kind enough to give an illustrated lecture on fish life generally in these waters. It was believed by the council to be a matter of the greatest interest to the public here, and that Mr. Babcock, an expert on this subject, should certainly be approached with a view to inducing him to give the Board an address on a subject in which he is acknowledged to be facile princeps in this part of the Dominion. It was proposed by the members that Mr. Babcock might see his way to lay some of his valuable information before the Board.

**TRAPMEN DYNAMITED.**

Cutting Top Off Empty Can Results in Fatal Explosion.

Butler, Pa., Oct. 23.—William Marks and Patrick Hardy were killed here today by an explosion of nitro-glycerine. The men were tramps and had camped in the woods near here. They found an empty can which they supposed had contained maple syrup from the small bit of the sticky substance adhering to the top. Marks sat down with the can between his knees and commenced to cut off the top so as to transform it into a water vessel. The small portion of China captured, the balance of

**On the Verge Of Great War****John Busben Walker Believes Russia Must Be Forced Back.****Or Muscovite Will Overrun the Whole of Asian Continent.**

New York, Oct. 23.—John Busben Walker, who is conversant with the Far Eastern situation, said: "We are probably on the eve of the greatest war that the world has ever seen. I am opposed to war, I do not believe that there never will be another war. I hope there never will be another war. But if there can be a just war it is called for now. Either America and Southern Europe must fight Russia at this time or concede to her all of Asia. Few people understand how insidiously Russia has been moving her forces up against the barriers of Persia, India and China. Year after year Russian army posts have been advanced, reinforced and built into large commands until today Russia is ready to attack not China alone, but her entire frontier line in Asia, and is probably in a position to capture China, India and even Persia. A Russian front is put up by the rest of the world. The lethargy which has been exhibited toward the occupation of Manchuria is astounding. Everyone in the East familiar with the situation has recognized that once Russia became entrenched in Northern China with the Trans-Siberia railroad completed, her battleships in sufficient numbers, it would be almost impossible to dislodge her.

"She came into Manchuria deliberately; she never had any intention of leaving it, and she is quite ready to begin battle.

"Probably she has counted most on the indifference felt in the United States regarding her occupation of Manchuria. During a discussion with an official of the Chinese government in several years ago I asked the question: 'What part of China does Russia want?' He replied, 'Russia wants no part of China'; then added after a moment: 'She wants it all.'

"The Manchurians and Mongols furnish splendid fighting material, at least so far as private soldiers go. They can live on almost nothing, make long marches, sleep on the ground, obey orders and learn to handle firearms with accuracy. In other words, they have all the elements of first-class private soldiers.

"The Russians have officers ready to put over them. It will not be necessary for Russia to move a vast number of men from Europe. She is now established, her forts are built, her navies in the Eastern harbors of Asia, her officers have arrived and vast quantities of stores and arms have been shipped in. It only remains now to drill the natives in order to organize an army large enough to sweep down on Pekin and over Northern China.

"The Manchurian question is the most tremendous matter before the world today, but it is so distant and Russia is doing her will so quietly that we are like children without comprehension of what the future will hold."

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**THE PRICE OF SILVER.**

Bradstreet's remarks that several interesting developments have recently taken place in the silver situation. It was announced that the United States Treasury had determined to suspend further coining of the new Philippine pesos as soon as the stock of silver bullion which was on hand for that purpose had been exhausted. This step, it seems, was taken on account of insular advices that the supply of these coins was more than sufficient for immediate use, and it is added that since the coinage of the new pesos the United States had coined 17,000,000 pesos, and this buying had had a great deal to do with the marked advance in the price of silver since last spring, both in London and New York. Another important piece of news referred to was the recent official announcement by the government of the British Settlements that no more silver dollars would be imported into that colony, as the quantity of dollars at Singapore was quite out of proportion to the needs of the country. It was feared in some quarters that this would have a depressing effect upon silver; but it was regarded as quite remarkable that in face of such developments, the silver market merely hesitated, and has since actually resumed its advance, the prices last week having risen to as high as 60-18 cents per ounce at New York and 28d. per ounce in London. Bradstreet's in concluding its remarks on these phases of the subject which have a special interest in British Columbia, says: "It would seem, however, that the upward movement has been largely due to other causes. The efforts which are being made by the Bank of England to obtain gold from India and elsewhere and the large shipments of gold bullion which are in progress to the British capital from such quarters will, it is believed, call for considerable purchases of silver. As was pointed out some time ago, the silver balance in the hands of the currency department of the Indian government is relatively small, and it would be perfectly natural for it to take the step of buying silver on a large scale against the gold which is being forwarded to London. Furthermore, there is a belief that the stoppage of silver purchases for the Philippines is only temporary, and that they would probably be resumed if a moderate concession appeared in the price of the metal. It may be remarked, indeed, that the silver market continues to show more inherent strength than it has exhibited for several years past."

**IMMIGRATION.**

An important delegation of farmers and others from the Lower Mainland and the interior waited on the government the other evening and had a heart to heart talk on the subject of advertising and immigration and kindred matters. What they said was perhaps more interesting to the public as a whole on account of the vistas of discussion and investigation it opened up than the solution of the immigration question offered by the members of the delegation. Naturally farmers and business men regard such matters more or less from the point of view which more nearly affects their own interests. That is practically the rule with mankind. Hence our views on subjects of public policy differ as points of view differ. We might not altogether agree with what was advocated by the delegation, and at the same time heartily sympathize with the objects, namely, the making more widely known the agricultural resources, and the setting up of the more accessible and fertile parts of the province. That is the position which the Colonist takes in the matter. It is simply a question of how best it can be done. It is not the first time these matters have been the subject of earnest consideration on the part of those interested in our agricultural development, or on the part of the government; but unfortunately political conditions for several years past have been so uncertain and unstable that it has not been possible for any systematic or comprehensive effort to be undertaken and carried out. It has palpably been a need of the province, and frequent expression in a variety of ways had been given to the general desire for a definite and vigorous immigration policy being pursued. It is true that in the past a great deal of advocacy has been of a vague and unorganized character; and it is, therefore, with satisfaction we have observed the movement assume the form it has. What the deputation proposed to the government may not be the wisest course to pursue; but it at least has given a strong impetus to necessary discussion and investigation, and the minister of finance, who had previously and frequently exhibited a warm interest in the subject undoubtedly most favorably impressed the delegation with the evident intention of the government to deal with the whole question of immigration and agricultural development in a business-like way. It is understood that the views of the delegation will be conveyed to the members of the legislature at once, and they will, therefore, be in a position to delib-

erate intelligently on the subject when the House meets, and the government submits its programme for consideration. No one can go through the different farming districts and not be struck by the disparity afforded between some of the finely cultivated and fertile farms and the uncultivated large areas that are still untouched or are only in a very meagre state of improvement. The possibilities of such districts as the Lower Fraser valley, the Saanich peninsula, Cowichan, Okanagan and others have been over and over again demonstrated in all lines of products, and yet not twenty-five per cent of the land is under cultivation. There are, of course, drawbacks to account for this, and it is the fact of these obstacles to development that has to be considered. The remedy has to be applied in a way to meet the special conditions which exist. For one thing, nearly all the land suitable for cultivation within the accessible districts is in the hands of private parties, many of whom are not practical men, or who having held it for speculation cannot now sell it except in an improved state. A good deal of the land is owned in holdings too large for the ordinary farmer, and the difficulty is in finding a satisfactory way of dividing it up so as to make it available for farmers of small means who would come in and settle if they could get land at reasonable prices and in suitable quantities. Persons who think that the solution of this question is an easy one, owing to the peculiar conditions which exist here, have not carefully studied the situation, and are very apt to be "talking through their hats," if we may be permitted to adopt an appropriate phrase in current slang. Then to the difficulty of finding land suitable for the settler as he comes in are the ever present problems of land clearing, draining and irrigation. The solution of these involves expense often too great for the private individual, and as the land is for the greater part privately owned it is almost out of the jurisdiction of the government to deal with it. There are detached portions of public land, and possibly many abandoned pre-emptions, which under certain conditions could be utilized; but to start with, little is definitely known about them, and their location largely devolves upon the settler who has to assume the role of explorer and cruiser in order to be successful. They being isolated there are neither roads nor schoolhouses, and on the whole the inducements held out for their settlement are not very strong. Few farmers who come from the East, where the pioneer stage has long been passed, are used to the discomforts of life that it is necessary to live for a few years at least, or who care to undertake the hardships that the clearing and cultivation of such lands mean for them. There are, of course, very many good farms, partially or wholly improved, to be had for purchase; and other wholly unimproved farms to which objections do not apply; but outside of those, the prices of which usually seem very high to the prospective settler from other parts of Canada, or from the United States, what has been said is true of the average unimproved land privately or publicly owned. It strikes us that with the great enquiry there is regarding British Columbia and the strong western movement which has begun that the difficulty for us in connection with immigration is not in finding people for the land as so much in finding the land for the people. We may be mistaken. In any event the situation requires most careful consideration at the hands of the government and the legislature before being committed to a large expenditure in the way of advertising for settlers. A carefully devised scheme can, in all probability, be submitted that will prove successful; but it should precede any success of extensive advertising campaign.

Dr. Dowie may be Elijah re-incarnated, or dropped again from the clouds, but, judging from the unstinted vocabulary of billingsgate he possesses, most people will be inclined to regard him as better qualified to edit the "Arizona Kidder" than to resume the role of prophet. In any event, this "re-appearance" is a trifle rough on a former well-established reputation.

The Chamberlain propaganda is arousing a great deal of interest in the United States, and a variety of opinion is being expressed as to the effect discriminatory and protective tariff proposed by the late secretary of the colonies will have upon the United States' trade with Great Britain. In some quarters it is regarded as contemplating hostility to the United States, and some of the newspapers there are inclined to be indignant about it. Nothing could be more amusing than such an attitude on the part of our good friends across the line, who for forty years have maintained a high tariff wall against the other nations of the world.

Whatever opinion may be properly expressed in regard to that portion of the Alaskan boundary award which affects the disputed territory along the coast north of Portland canal there is very great unanimity of sentiment with respect to the giving to the Americans the two small islands west of Pearson. Without having the reasons for this division, which at present seems inexplicable, Canadians generally will remain in a very perplexed state of mind. All these islands should have gone to one country or the other. What the strategic value of the two islands we have lost is it will take sometime to determine. Fortunately in every other sense they are of very little importance.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

AN ADDED INSULT. Sir.—The remarks attributed to this morning's Colonist to the Rev. Mr. Rowe, can scarcely fail to be regarded by Canadians as most unfortunate, if not impudent, of that gentleman. That he should speak in such a manner is conceivable only if we suppose he did so without reflection. Canadians who are loyal to their country cannot follow him in his remarks concerning American sentiment, because they recognize that such immunity is not the only means of securing immunity from the experting insults of some who are object to in past "arbitrations"; for, while there is little doubt of Canada's insistence on absolute independence for the future, it does not necessarily follow that our only destiny is fusion with the United States, or that we shall even imagine for a moment such a course to be our only hope. Canadians are as many as the citizens of any other country and will refuse to join forces

with their despilers. They have too much self-respect to enter a union with a nation that is so much more advanced in material and moral condition and its industry for its own sake, corruption and its insincerity. Mr. Rowe has seriously misjudged us if he thinks we are so debased as to consider, even remotely, such political extinction.

THE MAPLE LEAF, Victoria, 23rd Oct., 1903.

**SEWERS.**

Sir.—In your description of the Douglas street sewerage you claim that the corporation never gives employment simply to rock men, who are mostly single men and strangers to the city. Workmen who had hoped to obtain steady work at roads are laid off for sewers, but owing to there being no pipes, the laborer has been turned off. It is too bad this weather. I do not know whose fault it is that there are no pipes. Surely if the pottery workers were unable to supply the pipes, men ought to be procured elsewhere. What on earth are the mayor and council doing?

**A LABORER.****PROVINCIAL PRESS.**

Correction.—We have been asked to correct a slight inaccuracy appearing in our reference last Wednesday to the suicide of Mrs. Vlerny. Instead of slipping her head through an iron ring as reported, she prudently placed a piece of quarter-inch cotton rope fastened it securely to the upper joint of the chair back, after which she made a slip-knot at the other end of the rope, standing upon the grindstone, she adjusted the noose around her neck with the knot near her ear and jumped from the grindstone. When found, presumably an hour later, she was hanging about six inches from the floor. She was 74 years of age, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide when in a state of temporary insanity—Chilliwack Progress.

As a result of the season's operations the Royston Gold Mines, operating about two miles from Nelson on Morning mountain, have uncovered a fourteen foot lead of free milling gold ore, which has been traced through their property. The ore is being tested to see if the results are satisfactory, then the company will open the property on a large scale during the winter, adding another working mine to the Morning mountain list. The lead was uncovered first during the course of extensive ground shooting work in the early part of the summer, and since then has been tested by open cuts and other surface work. From the appearance of the ore and the regularity of the lead the officials of the company are confident that they have made an important find. —Nelson News.

It is a fact not generally known that within the city limits, and near the red-light district, is an old burying ground with upwards of two scores graves. It is evidently a portion of the cemetery of the Aztec Indians used to run up against all kinds of trouble with the Kootenays as a result of their encroachment upon the hunting grounds of the latter, and no doubt some of the old braves in this district could tell interesting tales of early life in this section, could they only be induced to talk, —Morrissey Despatch.

A cave-in occurred in No. 4 room of No. 1 mine, Coal Creek, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock which resulted in the death of Frederick Joseph Scott, one of the two occupants of the room. Mr. Scott was employed in putting in the last board of the lagging on the booms, when a heavy mass of dislocated coal fell from the ceiling 16 feet above the boom. The terrible force broke the boom and phonched the man beneath, and the fallen coal buried the latter out of sight. —Fernie Free Press.

J. J. Miller got mixed up in a rock slide at the works of the Wisconsin company on Perry creek last Monday. He was working on a side hill, and the men were shunting away the gravel beneath him. Suddenly the bank gave way and a rock slide followed, carrying Miller down. He was carried to the foot of the hill and completed buried in the rock. The men present got him out without loss of time, and found him badly cut and bruised, but apparently not seriously injured. Gus Thels brought him to St. Eugene hospital that evening, and he is getting along all right. It was a narrow escape from death or serious injury.—Cranbrook Herald.

**PRESS COMMENT.**

Sir: William Mulock, who reduced the pay of all other public servants, has been raised from \$10 to \$15 per annum, and board themselves, has magnanimously decided to allow these officers to revel in the luxury which a salary of \$25 a year will bring. It is to be hoped that the postmasters will take care not to get purse-proud. Toronto Mail and Empire.

British law has done no more than justice to our fellow citizens French and English, but to all the much more reason to fear that American law would do less. For one thing, the French-Canadians constitute a good third of our population, while they would hardly be noticed in the polyglot assortments south of the line. And it is only common-sense to expect that a third of a community will get better attention than a fourth of another. If the last resort is in defense of French connection in Canada it is by a French-Canadian, he will be a very well-advised French-Canadian indeed.—Montreal Star.

That sentence in Mr. Chamberlain's speech which explained the meaning of the possessive pronoun "ours" in regard to the colonies, had splendid ring about it. The colonists he explained were not really British! In his address, seen in "Empire" he said he "sister states, free to treat us as for an equal position, able to hold us, willing to hold to us, and also able to break with us!" Not much comfort there for Jingoism! —Ottawa Free Press.

From Georgia comes a story that is said to be well-authenticated in the history of the state. It is so extraordinary that the classification of it as locally unlikely seems altogether too cautious. It is doubtful if it has any parallel in the whole range of modern criminal history, of which it is and must remain a part. A young man named Carters, who committed a murder in Wilcox County, and was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged on October 1st, 1891, and was reprieved by the shelter of his father's family. A reward of \$150 was offered by the state authorities for his capture. After considerable trouble he was caught by Deputy Sheriffs acting on the strength of information received from his father, who now formally claims the reward promised for the criminal's apprehension! That is, he sells his son to the gallows for the sum of \$150!—Brooklyn Eagle.

The decision of Lord Alverstone was that of a sound jurist. He substantially tells Canada that while she may have grounds in equity to ask the United States to modify the treaty, she has no case in law; that is, under a fair construction of the letter of the treaty, the case of the United States is stronger. Instead of denominating the decision and silence of Lord Alverstone, Canada ought to accept his suggestion with gratitude and appeal to the United States for a modification of the treaty in the spirit of equity and international comity. Canada could say: "The letter of the treaty has been declared to be clearly within the United States; now we ask that United States act as a good neighbor to Canada by modifying the treaty, making some concessions to Alaska, a province which Canada will make such concessions as may seem to be a fair equivalent in other matters that are still a subject of difference between Canada and the United States." Canada cannot expect something for nothing, but it is not improbable that the United States, fairly approached, might consent to modify the existing situation in Alaska. Canada would be less churlish in the matter of American fishing rights over which there has been much dissatisfaction on the Atlantic coast for many years.—Portland Oregonian.

**MEN AND THINGS.**

William Ramsay is probably the most cool-headed of all American "steepie-lacks." Recently he climbed to the top of a flagstaff in Clachin, 377 feet above the street and stood on his head on the top of the staff an hour.

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"More Ghosts."—The second of the series of fascinating sketches of personal experiences with the uncanny, from the pen of D. W. H., will appear in tomorrow's issue of the Colonist. What will be read with avidity and prove of exceeding interest goes without saying.

Pulp Mills.—Local parties interested in the matter have been advised by one of the promoters in Vancouver that the work of constructing the pulp mill on Swanson Bay will be commenced as early as possible in the new year. It is also stated that the pulp mill to be erected on Quatsino Sound for a party of Victorians will be started about the same time.

Notice to Miners.—The Provincial Mining Association has issued the following notice for the information of owners of mining properties: "All delinquent crown granted mineral claims shall be sold for taxes by the government in the first week in November next, subject to redemption on or before 20th June, 1904. See section 6, sub-section 3, Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1903."

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Dance at Esquimalt.—Last evening the first dance of a series to be given by the residents of Esquimalt was held in the Esquimalt public hall, which was very prettily decorated with bunting for the occasion. The dance was given in honor of the opening of the hall. About fifty couples attended. Refreshments were served at midnight. Great credit is due to Messrs. Meshier, Jeffcott, Young and Wheale, the committee in charge, for the music was excellent and all arrangements complete.

Hallowe'en Concert.—A rare treat is in store for those who attend the Hallowe'en concert in the Congregational church hall on Wednesday, October 28th inst. Mr. Kinnaird, the violinist, is sparing no pains to make this concert strictly first class. The choir will be assisted by Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Miss Nellie J. Berries, Scowcroft, Miss McCoy, who will be heard for the first time in Victoria in Scottish melodies, and Mrs. Gleason, Messrs. W. Allen A. Sprague, J. R. Westcott, R. Wilson, with Miss Lizzie Scowcroft as accompanist.

Deserters in Victoria.—While deserters among the men of the artillery arm are becoming less numerous, hardly a pay day passes without a few exciting unauthorized leave-takers at Fort Victoria, according to the Seattle Times. The close proximity of the British possessions, to be reached by two swift daily passenger boats, makes escape an easy matter, and Victoria seems to be the Mecca of the deserters. In point of fact it is said that no less than thirty men who formerly wore the blue are now in the Vancouver Island city, many of them employed in the street car service. According to letters received the majority of these take the violation of their oaths lightly, so lightly in fact that they have rented a room for congregating purposes, which they flippantly call the "Port Warden Club."

Curate of Kedleston.—The Rev. W. H. Gregory, curate of St. Peter's, Derby, England, and formerly incumbent of Sunnies, has been appointed by the Rt. Hon. and Rev. Lord Scarsdale to the curacy in charge of Kedleston, near Derby, and chaplain to his lordship. Kedleston is about five miles from Derby, and Lord Curzon, the viceroy of India, is Lord Scarsdale's eldest son and heir. Kedleston Hall has been the seat of the Curzons for 700 years. Mr. Gregory commenced his duties there on October 4th, and left behind him many warmly attached friends at St. Peter's, where his ministry had been much appreciated. He preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation on the evening of September 27th.

"Feeding of Stock."—This was the title of an able lecture delivered by Henry Glendinning before an attentive audience at the Royal Oak school house. It was pointed out that the continual cropping of lands and selling the products was a sure way of doing away with the fertility of the farm. A good ration for the production of milk, but the fact must be borne in mind that if milk was the desired object to be obtained, farmers should not feed a beef animal. Many people were feeding twenty cows where they could really feed only fifteen. If milking cows were not properly fed the taking of milk from the udder at the expense of the flesh of the animal, true economy in feeding was getting the profits out of the excess that was required to maintain the animal.

Building Progress.—By the end of the year it is expected that the total building expenditure in the city for 1903 will reach a quarter of a million dollars. The buildings completed this year to date and that in progress aggregate in the neighbourhood of \$250,000. This, of course, includes the Carnegie library, which is now in course of construction, and additions to this in the shape of improvements and repairs in various quarters will bring the sum up to three hundred thousand or thereabouts. This will equal the amount expended on buildings and building improvements last year.

Another Solution.—Capt. Maurice Spencer, of the army ordnance department, Royal Artillery, gives the following solution of the Mary Ann age problem: "Let x years equal present age of Ann y years ago. Ann's age was x minus y; Mary's age was x. Mary's age is 24 years, twice that of Ann, y years ago. Therefore 2x equals 2y plus y; Also Mary's present age is x plus y and 24 equals x plus y; 24 equals 2x minus 2y; 24 equals x minus y; therefore x equals 3y; 24 equals x plus y, equals 3y plus y, equals 4y. Therefore y equals 6 years; 24 equals x plus y, equals x plus 6. Therefore x equals 18 years, present age of Ann."

Triple Hanging.—The Ashcroft murderer, the case which engaged the attention of Superintendent Hussey last summer for a considerable period, has resulted in a conviction of the prisoner. For the most part a criminal, Ah Gee, alias Big Bear, on the Fraser river just above Sack Chum, Ah Gun and Gun Tai, companions of the murdered man, were recently found guilty at the Clinton assizes and sentenced by Chief Justice Hunter to be hanged on December 4th. Sack Chum admitted his guilt, and the others were convicted partly from statements made to Superintendent of Police Hussey, and partly through circumstantial evidence. The jury was out twenty minutes. There were no witnesses for the defence. G. E. Corbould, K. C., New Westminster, was for the private prosecution, and D. Murphy, Ashcroft, appeared for the prisoners.

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Her Mind Shattered.—Annie Rooney, a well-known character in police circles of the Coast, and an habitual drunkard who has spent the greater portion of her time in jail during the past few years, has been found insane and removed to Steilacoom. Annie Rooney, who formerly dived in Victoria, was formerly a woman of more than ordinary education and refinement. She possesses marked musical talent, but for the past two years she has inhabited saloons here. Yesler way in Seattle, where she eked out a precarious existence by giving piano in concert halls. She recently left quick repartee, having frequently been the occasion of much merriment in the police court, of which she was brought on an average of once a week for many months prior to her arrest yesterday. The use of liquor and exposure have operated to shatter the woman's mind, and for fear she would do herself injury the police had her committed to the asylum.

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Stole Wrappers.—Antone Ferina was arrested last night by Constables Carson and Woods, charged with stealing a number of straw bottle wrappers from the Brown Jug saloon.

Harvest Thanksgiving.—Harvest thanksgiving services will be held in the Congregational church on Sunday. Appropriate music will be rendered by the choir and the church will be decorated with the fruits of the season.

"Creation" Practice.—The next regular practice of the oratorio, "The Creation," will take place in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Tuesday evening next at 8 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

Benefit Concert.—The final rehearsal of the massed bands took place last evening and the conductor, Mr. Pferderer was very well pleased with the week's work. The soloists are all in superb form, especially the flute player, and the music lovers of Victoria will have the pleasure of listening to a rare musical treat in the flute solo in the overture, "Pique Dame." A full dress rehearsal will take place this afternoon and the massed bands will give a short open air concert this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The sale of tickets is very large and the financial success of the concert is assured.

A Thrilling Experience.—Two young ladies, who may be called Miss A. S. and Miss M. L., a day or two ago went for a walk not a thousand miles from Victoria. The day was fine, the roads good and the woods inviting, so they wandered farther and farther afield. Suddenly the thick fog settled down, and then it was realized that they were lost. Tears were unavailing, their frantic cries unheard and save for the howling of the wolf and the terrifying growling of the bears, they were alone, except for a group of bear cubs. Miss S. said to her companion, "Let us be brave, and if we have to die, let us die with our backs to the foe." Through brush and brake fully six inches high, over fallen trunks of saplings they stumbled—never daunted and bruised and scratched, they at length emerged upon the highroad, and were shortly after welcomed into the bosom of their family. Now congratulations on their escape are in order. They had wandered into the impenetrable forests of Beacon Hill park.

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### SPORTING NEWS.

#### THE ROD.

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#### RUCY FOOTBALL.

The first Rugby football game of the season will take place at the Caledonia grounds this afternoon, when the Victoria Intermediates line up against the Associated Banks. The Banks have the advantage in weight and their three-quarter line is of the cyclone order, so the Intermediates are expected to have a very hard game. However, the latter have a strong all round team, and they seem to make their opponents hustle. Mr. F. G. Macrae will referee the game, which commences at 3 o'clock. There is no charge for admission and spectators will have the opportunity of seeing a first class game.

The teams are: Intermediates—Full back, W. Gowen; three-quarters, C. Berkeley, R. McDonell, S. Patton, E. Gallop; half-backs, L. Foot, W. Sweetland; forwards, P. Austin, R. Janion, H. Marchant (Captain), Kester, Heath, Redfern, Blackburn, Kennedy.

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men of his own weight to meet him now, and consequently he had to pick partners amongst the fellows in the next compartment, which is the light-weight cage. But there is no doubt at all that If Kranz is coming over here, thinking that in the places like Attell is going to come along and bulldog, he will assuredly find himself guessing pretty hard before the conversation is five rounds old. Attell is unquestionably the surprise package of the whole court, and Ritten is away home with facial ornaments to prove it. There was a report around town after the Shamballie cattle fight in the opening of the year when Shamballie heard that Attell was going to take Ritchie's place he asked the nearest way to the wharf and railway station. In fact, it is alleged, by many followers of the sport in the city that Shamballie wants no more Attell in his business. At any rate when Kranz and Attell meet next Friday night at the Savoy two of the best little men on the Pacific Coast will give the show. Attell runs to Oak Bay and back, six miles, every day and works steadily in the gymnasium. He is now very strong and fit.

Jack Madden, of New York, is still in Seattle, waiting for an engagement with big dirt in it. Attell wants to make a match with him. It would be a whirlwind.

At the Delmonico theatre on Wednesday evening, October 23rd, a glove contest of ten rounds for the heavyweight championship of British Columbia will take place between Ed. Barry, of Butte, Montana, and Bob McCall, of Philadelphia, Pa. Both men are well known around town, Barry being a larger, well-knit Eastern heavyweight. The men will probably start about 185 pounds the night of the contest. The proprietors of the theatre promise that if the match is not satisfactory to the referee and the spectators the admission money will be refunded.

#### THE RIFLE.

Below are the teams that represent the officers' mess and No. 1 Company, who shoot at the rifle range on Saturday, 24th, at 2 p.m. Officers' Mess—Lt. Col. Hall, Major Hibben, Capt. McComan, Capt. Newberry, Capt. Currie, Lieut. Patton, Lieut. Harris, Lieut. Winsty; Lieut. Angus.

No. 1 Company—Co. Sgt. Major Colquhoun, Tpr. Earle, Gr. Broker, Gr. Parker, Sgt. Nesbitt, Corp. Crane, Gr. Coats, Sgt. Sweet, Gr. Booth, Gr. Wales.

#### HOCKEY.

The usual Saturday practice of the Ladies' Club will take place at Oak Bay at 1:30 p.m. today. As the club has lost several members this season through absence, the officers hope that there will be a good turnout as there are now enough to fill out the team, and an early game against Vancouver is expected.

#### POLITICAL NOTES AND ECHOES

**Westminster Columbian Reads Liberal Patriots A Homily on Patriotism.**

The New Westminster Columbian has added the following powerful indictment of the provincial Liberal party to the series of fine articles which have graced its editorial columns since the recent election. The Colonist reproduces the article verbatim; it is headed, "Patriots in Politics."

This term cannot be applied fittingly to the spokesman of the provincial opposition, but it is used to call attention to the quality in which they are conspicuously lacking—the quality of patriotism and public spirit which at this critical juncture in British Columbia affairs should overcome any disposition or temptation to put personal advantage ahead of the interests of the province.

We have had an election for the purpose of producing order out of the chaos into which provincial affairs had been thrown by the recent era of intrigue for the continuation of personal administration, as distinguished from government by the people through their mandate to the members of the legislature. There was a unanimity at least of expression of desire that political conditions should be more settled and that as a means to this end the legislature should be representative of the political group rather than of the public apportionment of the personal qualities of the candidates. Let us have either a Conservative or a Liberal government, all declared; put the question before the people in that way and abide by the result.

Accordingly the test was made, by a government under the leadership of Mr. McBride, who had qualified for selection by voluntarily retiring from a former administration and accepting the post of leader of the opposition. It was his good fortune to succeed in the appeal to the electorate; and that, too, by a substantial plurality over the other political party, though if the Liberals of the opposition could form an alliance with the Socialist and Labor free lancees, the government's majority would be very slim indeed. This condition puts to the test the Liberal candidates' profession that their great desire was to secure stable government. If the Liberals who secured victory accept the position in which they did not believe of strong opposition, checking the government in any injudicious move and helping to perfect every measure calculated to promote the public welfare, they will assist in establishing the stability which they have demanded; and if as they contend it was only evident that gave the victory to their opponents on this occasion, they can look forward confidently to going to the electorate on even terms four years from now, saying in effect, "We have assisted in the establishment of the government on a sounder footing, and point to our record as evidence that no new upheaval would follow our assumption of power. We have some considerations of party, and have contended only for the public welfare. We believe we can do better for you if entrusted with power than we have been able to do through the influence we exerted upon the government, and in the name of our party we ask your endorsement." If the Liberals were in the majority in the electorate their candidates would be sure of victory under conditions such as these, where provincial interests would not be jeopardized.

But it seems that the sacrifice of the bare possibility of personal advantage in order to hasten the redemption of the province from the extremely critical position financially in which it is at present has no place in the plans of the provincial opposition. The methods of the "old gang" are to be followed under the new leader. There is to be no assistance tendered to the government. That government is condemned already, not for anything that its members have done, think or say, but simply because the leaders of the opposition are determined not to tolerate any ministry whose portfolios and patronage they cannot have as their perquisite. A faction fight, from the beginning is their policy. "Let us smash the government," they cry. "What are provincial interests compared with our personal advantage? What if we create a new period of paralysis—have another fruitless session—and appeal anew to the constituencies, while provincial affairs are brought to a standstill and provincial credit is dragged in the mire? What we want is government by ourselves and for our friends, and we will tolerate no other."

Such is the inauspicious beginning of the "party lines" reform, which many supporters have accepted unwillingly as no reform at all, so long as there are men sent to the Legislature who will be for the party rather than for the state. Tactics such as those proposed by



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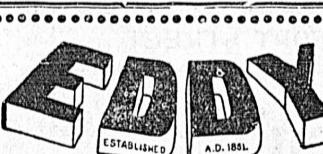
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**Prof. Wickens Describes His Impressions on a Long and Interesting Trip.**

**Saw Most of Leading Cities in Europe And Returns Well Pleased.**

Prof. E. G. Wickens, who has just returned from an extended tour of the European centres, was asked yesterday by a Colonist reporter to relate some of his impressions of his trip. He said: "We left Montreal on the way down the St. Lawrence in the Allan steamship Bavarian, arriving in Quebec the same evening, where we visited the fort which the immortal Wolfe took, and other places in this quaint and ancient city. Coming on board again the same evening, the Bavarian cast off her lines once more on her way to Liverpool. We came through the Gulf and next morning we took the mail on board, and steaming at half speed all day and through the following night. When the wind blew the fog away we were among a forest of icebergs, and the moon shining on them gave a very pretty spectacle with all the different shades of colors."

On the following day the chief topic was the death of a passenger who fell down in a fit and died a few minutes after. He was buried the same evening at sea at 8 o'clock, an English clergyman reading the burial service, and the Marconi telegraph immediately notified his friends in England of the fact, having got the address of his friends from his pocketbook.

It was three nights with the telegraphist and I had a fine opportunity of getting some information of the ship's progress, the wonderful discovery. Later on there was a New York stock broker who sold thousands of dollars of stock by this wireless communication.

We had all kinds of weather going over, and when we were within 500 miles of Ireland we sent a message to them to say what time we would be there.

Arriving in Mobile and delivering the mail and passengers, we proceeded to Liverpool, and arrived at 7 o'clock next morning, and thence we went by the L. & N. W. railway to London—the great metropolis—where we visited all the places of interest, staying there nearly two months.

We were in the British museum and saw the sculpture, painting and curios of all descriptions, including top poles from Vancouver Island. We also saw the marine charter which was signed by King John, as it would take many months to view and examine everything there, we had to pass it by.

We went to the tower of London, where we saw the crown of Great Britain, covered with precious jewels, together with many gowns. We saw a copy or model of the great Kohinoor, which was stolen, said to be worth two million and a half dollars, and we saw the swords and armories that were used many centuries back and also the place of execution in the tower yard.

We visited the Greenwich picture gallery, where the pictures of many battles fought by England are exhibited, and the Queen's diamond jubilee with the blue holes through the breast and blood-stained handkerchief, with other wearing apparel, relics of the battle of Trafalgar, laid out in a huge glass case with the position of the French and other ships in full action; models of the old frigates, showing their interior and all pertaining to them.

We also visited the Royal observatory, where a greater part of the world get their correct time.

The South Kensington museum was next visited. Almost everything that exists in the world is there—every species of the bird tribe, insects, whales and all kinds of fishes; models of every British ship of importance. One of the models that interested us most was the last Highlander, where an account was given of her disaster.

In the mechanics' room we saw the first locomotive that was made, the "Puffing Billy," with his little boiler and long stove pipe and wooden crank, was quite a curiosity. There were thousands of models of the latest American and British locomotives and all kinds of other machinery, but we could not stay to go through one-fifth part of the rooms. We spent the whole day there and were tired of so many things of interest.

At Hampton Court we were all through King Henry the Eighth's bed-

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## Sealers Have Good Catches

**Schooner Libble is Reported to Have Nearly a Thousand Pelts.**

**The Princess May Brings Large Complement of Passengers From the North.**

The sealing schooner Director reached port yesterday from the Beaufort Sea, being the first of the "Siwash" schooners to return to port from the northern sea. She brought a catch of 300 pelts. The Director brought news of few of the schooners that have not been reported, but reports from other sources tell of good catches of some of these vessels. The schooner of which Capt. Heater is master has taken 940 skins—this information being gleaned from a letter received from the captain's wife, dated at Unalaska. The schooner Penelope was at the same time reported to have over 1000 skins. The Director reported having spoken the Zihah May and the Diana toward the close of the season, the former with about 300 skins and the latter with 300. The Victoria was seen on the island coast with 400 skins.

Although no reports have been received from the schooner Unbrida—one of the vessels operating independently of the Victoria Sealing Company—she is expected to have a good catch. When last spoken, about the middle of September, she had a catch of 600 skins and with good weather during the remainder of the season, she is expected to have taken at least as half as many more since that time. The highest catch reported to date is that of the Libble.

**BOUGHT FIVE VESSELS.**

Pacific Packing & Navigation Fleet Changes Hands.

The five vessels constituting the passenger carrying fleet of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company have been taken over by purchase and transfer of charter by a corporation just formed at Seattle by Capt. Elmer E. Caine and Evan S. McCord, and styled the Pacific Navigation Company. The steamers purchased outright are the Jeanie, Excelsior and Newport, three of the best known vessels in North Pacific waters, and those transferred by charter sale are the Nome City and Santa Ana. The purchasing concern not only acquired the vessels named but the right to which the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company holds for carrying the United States mail from Juneau to Unalaska, as well as all other contracts pertaining to passenger service, and the good-will of the company. The life of the mail contract is yet over three years. The consideration for the sale of the vessels, charters, mail contracts, good-will, etc., is said to be in the neighborhood of \$175,000.

Negotiations looking to this far-reaching marine deal have been in progress for the past two weeks. In fact the Santa Ana was transferred to the new company upon her arrival from Valdez October 15, and she sailed on the 19th under its management. The Nome City was transferred yesterday morning upon her arrival from Nome, and the Excelsior, now repairing in this port, has been in the company's possession for several days, as has also the Newport, with the Jeanie to be taken over upon her return from the North.

The directors and stockholders of the new company are: Capt. Elmer E. Caine, Evan S. McCord, George W. Dickinson, E. T. Kruse and James Tyson. Kruse and Tyson are San Francisco men and the others are residents of Seattle.

The officers are: Capt. Elmer E. Caine, president; Evan S. McCord, vice-president; J. F. Trowbridge, general manager; W. C. Dawson, secretary and treasurer.

The fleet will be so operated as to constitute a line from Seattle to Unalaska and Dutch Harbor, making the principal way ports save Skagway.

During the winter, at least, the Newport will hold down the far western end of the route, her run being from Valdez to Unalaska and return.

**PIRATING THE GARONNE.**

Robbers Board the Steamer Seeking Loot.

An attempt at robbery, amounting almost to piracy, took place in Quartermaster harbor at Tacoma Thursday night. Two men with a small boat provisioned for about a week's voyage, came alongside the steamship Garonne, belonging to the Pacific Waterhouse Company, and while they were looting the vessel, the crew was discovered in the harbor there for some time, and the robbers fled. The Garonne had gone ashore, and for a time the robbers had everything of their own way. They fled their boat alongside the vessel, ascended the ship's ladder and began looting everything of value they could find. They piled the valuables collected from the cabin and other portions of the ship partly on the deck and had begun to carry loads down the ladder into the boat when William Tobin put in an appearance. He and another watchman held by him, held up the robbers with a revolver and captured them.

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ing repairs to the steamer has been awarded to the Risdon Iron Works, and the work will cost about \$8,000. The Lytton occupied one dock at Victoria, and the work done there regular are in progress will cost several thousand dollars. This would have been spent in Victoria had it not been for the fact that the steamer put into San Francisco short of coal and her master refused to proceed to Esquimalt for her repairs.

**KLK MISSING.**

Vessel Well Known Here Has Been Lost at Sea.

The report has just reached Victoria that the big Austrian steamship from Portland, after leaving here last January, has been lost somewhere between Colombo and Port Said. The Klk sailed with a cargo of grain, flour and canned goods for Aden Bay, and reached her destination in March. After discharging her Oregon cargo, she was sailing for Bahrain, when the vessel loaded with a full cargo of sugar, leaving on June 21 for Port Said. En route to her destination the steamer touched at Colombo to buy in, and that was the last seen of her. At Leyden the vessel was posted as missing. Captain Smith was the master of the Klk, which was a comparatively new vessel. A crew of about 40 men were carried on her. She registered 2,400 tons net.

**SCHOONER RUNS ASHORE.**

Strikes on Midway Island and Crew and Passengers Escape.

A cable from Honolulu says the schooner Julia E. Whalen went ashore on Midway Island early on Thursday. She was immediately abandoned by her crew, and passengers who are now ashore suffering much discomfort, owing to a scarcity of clothing and provisions. A heavy sea is running, and it is impossible for the crew to return to the stranded vessel.

The Julia E. Whalen left Honolulu seven days ago with supplies for the Commercial Cable Company's station on Midway Island.

**CHANGE OF OFFICER.**

Captain Evans Will Get Command of the Tartar.

Among the recent arrivals at Vancouver was Mr. F. W. Evans, formerly first officer of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, recently assigned to his position about a year ago to take a course in gunnery and torpedo practice, as a member of the Royal Naval Reserve. He has returned to assume command of the C. P. R. Oriental liner Tartar, which is due here on Saturday, the 31st inst. Commander Pybus of the Japan is leaving for England on a vacation, and his place will be taken by Commander Beetham, of the Tartar, who in turn will be succeeded by Captain Evans.

**THE DISABLED METEOR.**

Sighted by the Steamer Nome City Bound South.

Steamer Nome City, which has arrived from Nome after encountering a heavy gale 300 miles from Unalaska pass, reports having spoken the disabled steamer Meteor in tow of the Eureka when en route south. They were then 150 miles to the south of Nome.

With the Eureka light and the Meteor not only heavily laden, but minus her shaft, rudder and wheel, the pair were making miserable time. The Meteor could not be made to respond to a jury rudder. In tow, she was as apt to take one course as another, despite the efforts of the vessel performing the tow service. Capt. Moore laid by the Eureka and Meteor for eight hours, hoping to enable the Eureka to get into port without towing them. But from the combined knowledge of masters of Capts. Ames, O'Brien and Moore no better plan could be evolved under the circumstances than simply to drag the Meteor zig-zag through the sea to Unalaska, which port the masters had decided to try to make.

The long, perilous voyage in an open boat to the mouth of the Columbia, awaiting word of the Meteor's misfortune, was made by Fred Harriman and three sailors. Harriman is the first officer of the Meteor.

A LARGE CARGO.

Tremont Will Sail Sunday With 14,000 Tons.

Steamer Tremont will leave for the Orient on Sunday with a cargo of 14,000 tons for Japan, China and the Philippines. The chief items of cargo are flour, tobacco and general supplies for the United States government's department.

A shipper's manifest shows the government stores amount in value to \$82,237 and consist chiefly of prepared meats for the Philippines and equipment for the troops.

The Puget Sound Flour Mills Company also filed a manifest for 33,000 sacks of flour, valued at \$31,350, which they are dispatching to Japan via China.

In addition to the cargo of the liner is a shipment of flour to Manilla, amounting to 5,570 sacks, all of the balance of the flour being consigned to Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Moji and Hongkong, the total amount being 176,438 sacks. There is also a carload of asbestos pipe-covering for Manilla, a large shipment of cigarettes for Kobe, a shipment of habbit metal for Dalny, bicycles for Yokohama and other freight for various Oriental ports.

**SAILORS DESERT SHIP.**

The British ship Leicester Castle, which brought cargo to this port, is preparing to sail from Tacoma with wheat for the United Kingdom, and the vessel will not be allowed to clear at the custom house or leave port until her master or agents pay a head tax of \$2 each for two sailors who have deserted the vessel at Tacoma. The two deserters were reported to the customs authorities yesterday. The immigration bureau, with orders that the vessel be not allowed to clear until the tax is paid.

This is the first time the workings of the new immigration law has made itself manifest at Tacoma. Heretofore it has not been necessary for foreign vessels coming to Pacific Coast ports to lose all or nearly all of their crew by desertion. The U. S. Consulate, however, now keeps close watch of all foreign vessels and aliens are not allowed to land except upon payment of the head tax and compliance

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